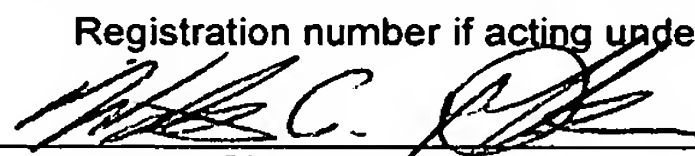




PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2009 <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		Docket Number (Optional) SPINE 3.0-446 CIP III CONT																									
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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><thead><tr><th style="width: 40%;"></th><th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;"><u>Fee</u></th><th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;"><u>Small Entity Fee</u></th><th style="width: 30%;"></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$130</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$65</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 130.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$490</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$245</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1110</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$555</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1730</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$865</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$2350</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1175</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>12-1095</u>.</p> <p>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>58,653</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> _____ Signature William A. Di Bianca _____ Typed or printed name</div><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"><u>January 12, 2009</u> Date <u>(908) 654-5000</u> Telephone Number</div></div> <p><small>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.</p>					<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$130	\$65	\$ 130.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$490	\$245	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1110	\$555	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1730	\$865	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2350	\$1175	\$
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